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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/800,992	Applicant(s) BECK ET AL.	
	Examiner Donna Jagoe	Art Unit 1614	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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The amendment filed 6 October 2005 has been received and entered. Claim 32 has been amended. Claims 31-50 are pending to which the following grounds of rejection are or remain applicable.

Response to Amendment

Objection of claim 32 is no longer maintained in view of the amendment to the spelling of the word prednisolone.

Rejection of claims 32 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112 2nd paragraph is no longer maintained in view of the amendment.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 6 October 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Rejection of claims 31-50 are maintained and hereby repeated.

Current Rejections

Claims 31-36, 39-46 and 49-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Loftsson U.S. 5,472,954 A.

Loftsson et al. teach an ophthalmic composition (column 18, lines 8-12) comprising a cyclodextrin, such as the sulfobutyl ether of β cyclodextrin (column 6, line 60) and an anti-inflammatory steroid (column 19, lines 16-39), such as prednisolone (see table 10, column 28). The ophthalmic cyclodextrin composition has water added in

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addition to the active ingredient along with pH adjusters, buffers and preservatives, in a sterile isotonic buffered aqueous solution (column 1`9, lines 24-31).

Claims 31, 36-38, and 46-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Loftsson as applied to claims 31-36, 39-46 and 49-50 above, and further in view of Dziabo et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,424,078.

Claims 37-38 are drawn to a cyclodextrin and prednisolone composition preserved with a chlorite preservative such as chloride dioxide. Loftsson et al., as disclosed above, teach a preserved cyclodextrin and prednisolone ophthalmic composition lacking the chlorite preservative.

Dziabo et al. teach an ophthalmic composition with a stabilized chloride dioxide preservative (see abstract).

It would have been made obvious to one of ordinary skill in art at the time it was made to employ chloride dioxide as a preservative in an ophthalmic preparation motivated by the teaching of Dziabo et al who employs stabilized chlorine dioxide as a preservative for ophthalmic preparations.

Applicant asserts that the prednisolone cited in Loftsson is merely "prednisolone" and the instant claims are directed to prednisolone acetates. In response, upon consultation with the Merck Index 11th edition pages, 1989, 1223-1224, the compound prednisolone appears to be synonymous with prednisolone acetate (see compound 7719, page 1223) and prednisolone sodium phosphate is a separate entity (see compound 7721, page 1224). Thus the rejection is maintained.

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Regarding the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection over Loftsson in view of Dziabo et al., applicant asserts that Loftsson does not cite prednisolone acetate, rather it cites "prednisolone". Again, in the Merck Index 11th edition pages, 1989, 1223-1224, the compound prednisolone appears to be synonymous with prednisolone acetate (see compound 7719, page 1223) and prednisolone sodium phosphate is a separate entity (see compound 7721, page 1224). Thus the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The Merck Index, 11th edition, Merck & Co. 1989, Pages 1223-1224.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

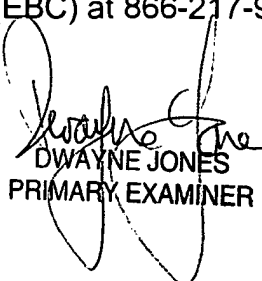
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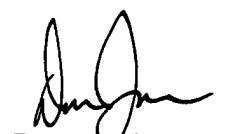
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donna Jagoe whose telephone number is (571) 272-0576. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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